

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4309–S4362

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4233–4257, and S. Res. 653–654. **Pages S4346–47**

Measures Reported:

S. 2693, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems. (S. Rept. No. 116–240) **Page S4346**

Measures Passed:

National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 654, designating July 25, 2020, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”. **Page S4359**

United States Semiquincentennial Commission Amendments Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3989, to amend the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 to modify certain membership and other requirements of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4359–60**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 133), Inhofe Amendment No. 2411 (to Amendment No. 2301), to impose additional conditions and limitations on the transfer of Department of Defense property for law enforcement activities. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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Inhofe (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1729 (to Amendment No. 2301), to increase funding for the study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination in drinking water. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S4330**

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 134), Cornyn Amendment No. 2244 (to Amendment No. 2301), to restore American leadership in semiconductor manufacturing by increasing federal incentives in order to enable advanced research and development, secure the supply chain, and ensure long-term national security and economic competitiveness. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S4326–30**

Rejected:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 132), Schatz Amendment No. 2252 (to Amendment No. 2301), to reform Department of Defense transfers of personal property to law enforcement agencies. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S4316–21**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4310**

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities. **Page S4310**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12:10 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, all debate time with respect to Sanders Amendment No. 1788 and Tester Amendment No. 1972, as modified, expire, and Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in that order, with all other provisions under the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020 remaining in effect with respect to the amendments; and that the time from 11:20 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. be under the control of Senator Sanders,

and that 10 minutes be under the control of Senator Sullivan, prior to the votes in the series. **Page S4360**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. **Page S4360**

Hardy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4339**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S4339**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4339**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew Moury, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2021.

Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Andre Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Brian D. McFeeters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Sutapa Ghosh Stricklett, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

53 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S4360–62**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which was sent to the Senate on April 6, 2020, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4362**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4356–59**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4359**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—134) **Pages S4321, S5430**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4360.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States government efforts to address ocean plastic pollution internationally, after receiving testimony from Senators Sullivan and Whitehouse; Jonathan Moore, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and Michelle Bekkering, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.